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Cherokee Nation and HUD Dedicate Stilwell Senior Housing

Marcella Sams of Stilwell, Oklahoma, is as proud of her new home as she is of her family photo quilt, which adorns the wall of her bedroom. The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation (HACN) recently dedicated Stilwell Senior Housing, where Mrs. Sams lives.

"This is a shining example of what teamwork can accomplish," said Mayor Reggy Cox at the dedication. "This meets a need that we have had in this community for a long time."

Residents of Stilwell Senior Housing enjoy a community atmosphere. All 40 units are accessible to persons with disabilities. Applicants for residency must meet income limits and be 62 or better.

The Cherokee Nation's Principal Chief, Chad Smith, joined the Mayor in applauding the teamwork that went into building the complex. "This new development was very innovative and a little bit daring, but anything for our elderly is worth the risk," he said. "After touring Mrs. Sams' apartment and seeing her family history quilt—that is worth the

weeks of work to see our elders served."

"We need more of these," said Jim Wilson, State Representative, District 4. "HACN, through successful partnerships with the City of Stilwell, Cherokee Affordable Housing, Inc., and Cherokee Nation, allowed us to apply for the tax credits for this



***Tribal, local, and HUD officials join residents
for the dedication of Stilwell Senior Housing.***

elderly development. Without any one of these partners, the Stilwell Senior Housing would not have happened."

Stilwell Senior Housing is an equal opportunity housing development, so Indian preference does not apply. However, all eligible elderly Cherokees will be assisted through the HACN's

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HUD ONAP Offers New Online Training

HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is pleased to announce new online training for those who work in the field of tribal housing.

The web-based training program allows anytime-access and self-paced training modules, including three new training topics.

Take these courses online:

Homeownership

Construction Management

Property and Asset Management

Housing Finance Basics

Financial Management

Procurement

Environmental Review

Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program

Eligible Activities

ONAP hopes this training will help tribal housing officials continue to implement and manage successful, innovative, and effective affordable housing programs for their tribal members.

The training is flexible—learn what you want, when you want it and come back to the modules as often as you wish.

In the future, ONAP will create new modules on new topics. So, please provide your feedback.

ONAP and tribal housing professionals must work together to develop continuous, creative and effective training.

To run the ONAP Online Training, you'll need to download some free software. Begin by going to

<http://www.codetalk.fed.us>

and then click on the ONAP Online Training link.

If you don't have reliable Internet access, you can get a free training CD by calling ONAP's Jennifer Bullough at (202) 708-0614, ext. 4274.



HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities, and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development and enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov.

HUD's Office of Native American Programs, ONAP, administers the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, and other programs to assist American Indians and Alaska Natives. ONAP's goals are to ensure that safe, decent, and affordable housing is available to Native American families; to create economic opportunities for tribes and Indian housing residents; to assist



tribes with community development; and to ensure fiscal integrity in the operation of the programs.

ONAP publishes the *Dream Catcher* to share news about housing, economic development, and other issues facing Indian Country. Back issues are posted on ONAP's CodeTalk website:

[www.codetalk.fed.us/
Dreamcatcher.html](http://www.codetalk.fed.us/Dreamcatcher.html)

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Homeownership Award Presented to Squaxin Island Tribe

The Squaxin Island Tribe, a small tribe located near Shelton, Washington, received honors from the HUD Northwest Office of Native American Programs (NWONAP) for being the first tribe in the Pacific Northwest to successfully obtain a guaranteed loan under the Title VI Loan Guarantee Program.



This was the first Homeownership Award bestowed by the NWONAP to a tribe. Brian Thompson, Director of Planning, and Penni Giles, Tribal Housing Director, accepted the "Partners In Homeownership" certificate on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe. Max Rice, Native American Program Specialist, NWONAP, made the presentation on behalf of John Meyers, HUD Regional Director, Region X, and Ken Bowring, Administrator, NWONAP.

The Title VI loan will be used in conjunction with other tribally operated housing programs to provide 18 single-family homes and 3 duplex units on the 500-acre reservation. Of the 740 enrolled tribal members, 51 families have been identified as living in

overcrowded conditions. The housing units that this loan will facilitate will help to alleviate the overcrowding and provide homeownership opportunities for tribal families under the Section 184 Indian Loan Guarantee Program.

Last summer, the tribe completed and occupied the first 18 single-family units in their Slocum Ridge development. The Title VI loan will allow them to complete the second phase of the development.

When Slocum Ridge is completed—within two years—it will be a neighborhood of 36 rental and homeownership units on a 40-acre site acquired in 1998. The Tribe is using HUD/ONAP funds, as well as non-HUD federal, state, and private resources to address their recognized housing shortage and to provide the infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, and a playground) necessary to complete the development.

The Title VI Loan Guarantee Program was enacted, as part of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, to allow tribes to "borrow" on future HUD grants under the formula-driven Indian Housing

Block Grant Program (IHBG). The loans, which are guaranteed by HUD and collateralized with future Indian Housing Block Grant funds, allow tribes to build much needed housing units today instead of adding small numbers of housing every year or waiting for several years to build a development.

"The Section 184 Loan Program helps Native Americans who want to own a home on tribal or individual trust land."

HUD is committed to increasing homeownership opportunities for Alaska Natives and American Indian communities. The Section 184 Indian Loan Guarantee Program was developed to overcome the obstacles to mortgaging land held in trust and to promote the interests of the borrower, the Tribe and the lender. The program, implemented in 1994, provides homeownership opportunities to Native Americans wanting to own a home on tribal or individual trust land.



Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Announces 2003 Finalists for American Indian Tribal Governance Awards

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – A tribal telecommunications company that brings affordable phone lines and Internet service to an underserved Indian reservation, a tribal government injury prevention program that encourages healthy habits, reduces health care costs, and saves lives, and a tribal court in Alaska that uses peacemaking circles to address juvenile crime are among the 16 finalists in Harvard's 2003 American Indian tribal governance awards program.

Administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, *Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations* ("Honoring Nations") identifies, celebrates, and shares outstanding examples of tribal governance among the more than 550 Indian

nations in the United States. Currently in its fourth year of awards, Honoring Nations is a member of a worldwide family of "governmental best practices" awards programs that spotlight innovative public sector initiatives in order to shift public perceptions about government and to encourage the replication of effective problem-solving. Since Honoring Nations' inception in 1999, 48 tribal government programs and initiatives have been recognized. The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations are the primary sponsors of Honoring Nations.

"Honoring Nations is grounded in and inspired by the Harvard Project's 17 years of research and fieldwork, which consistently finds that tribal success in economic, social, and cultural spheres depends, to a large extent, on

tribes' ability to function as self-governing political entities," said Andrew Lee (Seneca), who directs the awards program.

This year's 16 finalists were chosen from a pool of 114 applications from 61 Indian nations and 13 inter-tribal collaborations. At each stage of the selection process, applications are judged on the criteria of effectiveness, significance, transferability, creativity, and sustainability. On Tuesday, November 18, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the finalists will make presentations to the public and the Honoring Nations Advisory Board, which will then select eight programs to receive "high honors" and \$10,000 to share their success stories with others.



2003 Honoring Nations Finalists

Assuring Self Determination through an Effective Law Enforcement Program

Gila River Police Department, Gila River Indian Community (Sacaton, Arizona) Serving a population of 17,000, the 92-employee Gila River Police

Department operates a multifaceted law enforcement program that includes community-based policing, neighborhood block watch programs, a citizen's police academy, and bike patrols. Since assuming control over law enforcement in 1998, the Department has improved police response times significantly and seen a reduction in criminal activity on the reservation, which borders the cities of Phoenix, Chandler, and Tempe.

Cherokee National Children's Choir

Cherokee Nation (Tahlequah, Oklahoma) Launched in 2000, the Children's Choir presents an innovative approach to promoting and encouraging the use of the endangered Cherokee language among its youth while also instilling Cherokee cultural pride. The award-winning choir—comprised of 40 young Cherokee ambassadors—has performed in venues across the US, including

the Native American Music Awards, Ground Zero, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Choctaw Community Injury Prevention Program

Choctaw Health Center, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Philadelphia, Mississippi) Responding to alarming rates of preventable accidents on its reservation, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw created a comprehensive community injury prevention program in 2001. Through seat belt and child safety seat campaigns, strict enforcement of motor vehicle laws, and community-wide education initiatives, the Program is successfully changing behaviors, saving lives, reducing injuries and disabilities, and lowering health care costs.

Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program

Division of Housing, Chickasaw Nation (Ada, Oklahoma) Created in 1998 to increase home ownership among Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans in Oklahoma, the Chuka Chukmasi ("beautiful home") Home Loan Program is a secondary market home loan program that has helped more than 200 families to realize the dream of home ownership. Collaborating with investor and lender partners, the Program provides pre-home ownership education, credit and loan counseling, and down payment and closing cost assistance.

Cultural Resources Protection Program

Natural Resources Department, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Pendleton, Oregon) Frustrated by how tribal cultural resources were managed on tribal, federal, state, and private lands, the Tribes developed their own cultural resources protection program. The 15-year-old program is the leader in educating non-Indian agencies about pertinent laws and treaties, strengthening cultural resource laws and policies, crafting government-to-government relationships, training other tribes, and incorporating Native knowledge into a field historically dominated by non-Indians.

Family Violence and Victim's Services

Department of Family and Community Services, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Philadelphia, Mississippi) Addressing the often-stigmatized issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and elder abuse, the Family Violence and Victim's Services (FVVS) provides a "one-stop-shop" for victims, providing access to legal services, counseling, and therapy. In addition, FVVS drafted a strict tribal domestic criminal code, and it continues to administer re-education programs for batterers, educational campaigns, and training seminars for law enforcement, security, and the tribal judiciary.

Gila River Telecommunications

Gila River Indian Community (Sacaton, Arizona) Recognizing the need for affordable and reliable telecommunications services, the Tribe founded Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI) in 1988. A pioneer in telecommunications in Indian Country, GRTI offers affordable landline phone service, dial-up and DSL Internet service, and satellite television. GRTI has seen residential penetration of access lines grow from 34% to nearly 50% in six years and plays an important role in meeting the needs of the Community's fast-growing economy.

Honoring our Ancestors: The Chippewa Flowage Joint Agency Management Plan

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Hayward, Wisconsin) The Joint Agency Management Plan brings together three governments—the Lac Courte Oreilles Band, the State of Wisconsin, and the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service—to co-manage the Chippewa Flowage, a 15,300-acre reservoir created in 1923 that inundated a tribal village. Taking into account the cultural, aesthetic, and economic value of the Flowage, the Plan provides a framework for the three parties to coordinate management activities and decisions through a consensus-based approach.

Kake Circle Peacemaking

The Organized Village of Kake (Kake, Alaska) Restoring its traditional method of dispute resolution, the Organized Village of Kake adopted Circle Peacemaking as its tribal court in 1999. Circle Peacemaking brings together victims, wrongdoers, families, religious leaders, and social service providers in a forum that restores relationships and community harmony. With a recidivism rate of nearly zero, it is especially effective in addressing substance abuse-associated crimes.

Menominee Community Center of Chicago

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (Keshena, Wisconsin)

A unique partnership between an urban Indian center and a tribal government, the tribally funded Community Center serves nearly 500 Menominee tribal citizens living in the greater Chicago area. The Center and the tribal government work together to ensure that all of its citizens are actively involved in tribal affairs by organizing trips to the reservation, providing full electoral rights for off-reservation citizens, and by holding official tribal legislature meetings at the Center.

Na'Nizhoozhi Center, Inc.

The Navajo Nation in cooperation with Zuni Pueblo, City of Gallup, McKinley County, and the State of New Mexico (Gallup, New Mexico) Responding to the distressing rates of accidents, deaths, and other alcohol-related problems in Gallup,

NM, the Navajo Nation partnered with Zuni Pueblo, the City of Gallup, McKinley County, and the State of New Mexico to establish the Na'Nizhoozhi Center in 1992. The Center has been an effective force in promoting wellness and safety by providing protective custody, shelter, referral services, and culturally based in-patient and outpatient substance abuse treatment services to meet the needs of its Indian clients.

Navajo Nation Corrections Project

Department of Behavioral Services, Navajo Nation (Window Rock, Arizona) Established in 1983, the Corrections Project facilitates, coordinates, and advocates for the use of spiritual ceremonies, cultural activities, and counseling for Navajo and other Indians in correctional facilities. As the liaison between inmates, their families, and Indian and non-Indian government agencies, the Project researches, and implements unmet spiritual, cultural, and legal needs. In 2002 alone, the Project visited 30 correctional facilities and served more than 2,000 clients.

Northwest Intertribal Court System

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation (Mountlake Terrace, Washington) The Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) assists tribes in developing tribal courts that provide fair, equitable, and uniform justice for all who fall within their jurisdiction. Owned by a consortium of tribes in Washington State, NICS

recognizes the sovereignty, individual character, and unique needs of individual tribes. Its services—which include code writing and technical assistance—help Indian nations develop the necessary legal infrastructure for handling a full array of civil and criminal matters.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

The 43 federally recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho (Portland, Oregon) Serving tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) was created in 1972 to increase tribes' ability to exercise control over the design and development of tribal health care delivery systems. Governed by tribal government delegates, NPAIHB facilitates intertribal coordination and promotes intergovernmental consultation. A leader in data collection and advocacy, NPAIHB also administers the first and largest tribal epidemiology center.

Quil Ceda Village

The Tulalip Tribes (Tulalip, Washington) Developed to achieve economic diversification while exercising tribal sovereignty, Quil Ceda Village is the first tribal city in the US. Chartered under tribal laws and governed by a council-manager form of government that enacts local ordinances, the Village has emerged as a thriving retail, recreation, and hospitality destination. The Village employs

500 Indians and non-Indians and is home to a business park, a new casino, and acreage for future development.

Trust Resource Management

Office of Support Services, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Pablo, Montana) For more than three decades, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) have been building capable governing institutions and taking over management of resources and programs previously managed by outsiders. Recognizing that self-management both allows the tribal government to determine its own priorities and has positive bottom-line effects, CSKT is a leader in incorporating tribal values into natural resource management and in delivering first-rate services to its 7,000 citizens.

For more information, contact Liz Hill, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, at (202) 667-7447.



Small Business is BIG Business at HUD

A successful and strong small business community is an integral part of HUD's overall mission of job creation, community empowerment, and economic revitalization. HUD awards a fair portion of its contracts to small or small disadvantaged businesses and women-owned small businesses.

HUD's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) can answer your questions about the world of Federal contracting opportunities. Specialists on staff focus on assisting women-owned, veteran-owned, and Native American-owned businesses. Contact HUD's Director of OSDBU, A. Jo Baylor, at **(202) 708-1428**. Hearing or speech impaired persons may call (800) 877-8339.

HUD posts solicitations on its extensive Contracting Opportunities website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpo/contract.cfm>. Businesses can browse current solicitations and download any of them. Also listed are prime contracts with potential subcontracting opportunities. The Annual Procurement Forecast is on the website, and is also mailed to about 800 minority or women-owned business trade associations and chambers of commerce.

Contracting with the Office of Native American Programs

In 2002, HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) issued a Request for Proposals. From the more than 40 proposals submitted, 9 companies were awarded Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts. ONAP will compete the activities on its 2003 Procurement Plan

among these nine companies. Some of these IDIQ contractors may be expanding their teams. If your business is interested in possible subcontracting opportunities, please contact ONAP's IDIQ contractors:

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Crofton, MD 21114
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Castle Rock, CO 80104
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Reece Milner (703) 821-2226

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Ft. Worth, TX 76109-2325
Nelson Rodriguez (817) 922-9000

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Walter Hillabrant
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HUD Offers Training Classes in Mold and Moisture Control

The Office of Native American Programs is offering two-day training sessions around the country to assist tribes and key tribal staff dealing with mold and mildew in homes. Get general information on mold in homes, how to identify problems, and steps you can take to correct current problems and prevent future ones.

Who Should Attend: Tribal leaders; housing staff, including executive directors from tribes and tribally designated housing entities; and others involved with Native American housing issues.

Classes will be held:

October 21-22, in Denver, Colorado at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

November 11-12 in Miami, Florida, at the Miccosukee Casino.

Tuition - Registration for these courses is FREE of charge; however, space is limited. No more than three participants per organization will be allowed to register. Additional staff members will be placed on a waiting list and admitted as space permits.

Registration - You may register online at www.codetalk.fed.us/registration.html, or, call toll-free, (877) 488-3483. The fax number is (619) 398-3231.

Special Needs - The training facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons who need auxiliary aids or services, such as an interpreter for persons who are hearing impaired, should contact the Training Coordinator at (877) 488-3483 no less than three weeks prior to the training session.

A Quiet Crisis

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Reports on Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country

In July 2003, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights published *A Quiet Crisis, Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country*. The report examines federal funding of programs intended to assist Native Americans at the six federal agencies with the largest expenditures on Native American programs—the U.S. Departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Education, and Agriculture.

The 124-page report concludes that federal funding directed to Native Americans through programs at these agencies “has not been sufficient to address the

basic and very urgent needs of indigenous peoples,” and “significant disparities in federal funding exist between Native Americans and other groups in our nation, as well as the general population.”

HUD’s Indian Housing Block Grant Program, implemented in 1998 through passage of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), is recognized for bringing more flexibility and local tribal control over housing programs. However, the report

states that, “. . . despite tribal support for NAHASDA and the local control it offers, the number one barrier to adequate housing in tribal communities and villages is lack of funding.”

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For a copy of the Commission’s report, *A Quiet Crisis*, go to www.usccr.gov.

Chickasaws Open Chocolate Factory

Gourmet chocolate lovers in Oklahoma gave thumbs-up recently to the Bedre Chocolate Factory, which recently opened in Pauls Valley. The factory, which is located about an hour south of Oklahoma City, currently employs a staff of 20, but plans to expand to 60 employees in the near future. Pauls Valley has some 6,000 residents.



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby (at far left) officially opens the chocolate factory.

The Chickasaw Nation funded the project with a \$750,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant from HUD. The Tribe contributed an additional \$485,000, to bring the total funding to about \$1.2 million.

The tasty morsels being produced include chocolate-covered Brazilian nuts, diabetic chocolate, strawberry chocolate and the favorite of many, "High Dollar Chips," which are chocolate-covered potato chips.

The company markets its products through a website and at more than 30 Neiman-Marcus stores across the nation.



Chefs prepare "High Dollar Chips," one of the company's most popular products.

Stilwell Senior Housing, (continued from page 1)

Rental Assistance Program.

For more information, contact Stilwell Senior Housing Manager, Toni Nevitt, at (918) 696-3050.



**Marcella Sams' "Family Photo Quilt"
Adorning the Wall of Her New Bedroom**

Small Business Opportunities at HUD (continued from page 7)

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(202) 628-6100, ext. 205

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Hallie Shilling (703) 790-5525

Have questions about contracting opportunities with ONAP? Contact Jennifer Bullough, Senior Contract Oversight Specialist, at (202) 401-7914, or by email at: jennifer_a_bullough@hud.gov.

For more information about ONAP and its activities, please visit the Code Talk website at:

<http://www.codetalk.fed.us>.

Another Title VI Success Story from the Cherokee Nation

Though the sun baked much of the Plains this summer, Ed and Kay Trottingwolf of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, kept cool in the living room of their new home. The Trottingwolfs are among the first participants in a new housing program administered by the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation (HACN).

The Trottingwolfs applied for housing assistance about a year ago through the HACN, after living for a number of years in a one-bedroom house near Bartlesville, located some 50 miles from Tulsa in the northeast part of the State.

In June, the couple moved into their new, two-bedroom home built for them by the HACN with funding from the Cherokee Nation Title VI Loan Guarantee, and approved by HUD.

"We never thought we would get our home so soon," says Ed, who remembers as a boy watching workers cut, haul, and place logs for the cabin in which he was raised.



Ed and Kay Trottingwolf proudly pose outside their new home.

The HACN program is for members of the Cherokee Nation and gives preference to those who are disabled. Also, there are income

limitations for applicants. The loans carry a 4 percent interest rate for 30 years with zero down and no out-of-pocket expenses or closing costs. The mortgage payment includes the home, land, taxes and insurance.

The Trottingwolfs, who met playing softball, have five grown children and nine grandchildren. Ed owns Trottingwolf Sign Shop, and says he's already painted a custom mailbox for their new home. And when he's not working in the shop, Ed and his children follow their passions as gospel singers as members of *The Trottingwolf Singers*."

We get invited to go all over," says Ed. "We go up north to Crow Reservation about once a year to do gospel singing."



Have questions about the Federal Government? Who doesn't? Thanks to the Internet, it's getting easier to get the answers you're looking for. FirstGov.gov is the U.S. government's official web portal. Log on for access to dozens of sites, organized to help you find what you're looking for—fast.

For information about tribal governments and Native Americans, bookmark this site:

www.firstgov.gov/Government/Tribal.shtml

Here, you can find links to sites about education, jobs, economic development, family & health issues, housing, and land. There are also links to legal and cultural resources.

If you can't access the Internet, call FirstGov toll-free, at 1-800-FED-INFO. FirstGov is administered by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Written correspondence may be mailed to: Federal Citizen Information Center, GSA; 1800 F Street, NW; Washington, DC 20405.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2003

October 1-2 - National American Indian Housing Council Training: "Strategic Planning Training," in Las Vegas, NV. Call 800-284-9165.

October 12-17 - Intertribal Agriculture Council's 17th Annual Symposium at the Pechanga Resort and Casino, in Temecula, CA. Visit the IAC website for more information.

October 20-23 - United South and Eastern Tribes' Annual Meeting and Expo at the Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT. For info, visit <http://usetinc.org/futureevents.html>.

October 21-22 - ONAP Training, "Mold and Moisture," at the Holiday Inn Downtown, in Denver, Colorado.

October 28-30 - AMERIND Risk Management's 17th Annual Meeting and Expo at the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Visit the AMERIND webpage for more information.

October 28-29 - National American Indian Housing Council Training:

"Payroll Management Training," in Phoenix, AZ. Visit the NAIHC website or call 800-284-9165.

October 28-30 - National American Indian Housing Council Training: "Small Tribes Implementation Course," at the Best Western Grace Inn, in Phoenix, AZ. Visit the NAIHC website or call 1-800-284-9165.

November 2003

November is Native American Heritage Month.

November 1-5 - 34th Annual National Indian Education Association Conference, in Greensboro, NC. Call 703-838-2870 or visit the NIEA's website.

November 4-6 - National Native American Emergency Medical Services Association's 12th Annual Education Conference in Las Vegas, NV, at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Visit the NNAEMSA's website for more information.

November 4-6 - National Native

American Law Enforcement Association's 11th Annual Training Conference, "Tribal Lands Homeland Security Forum, Gangs and Violent Crimes on Tribal Lands," at the Doral Tesoro Hotel, Ft. Worth, TX.

November 11 - Veterans' Day

November 11-12 - ONAP Training, "Mold and Moisture," at the Miccosukee Casino, in Miami, FL. Visit <http://www.onesullivan.com/Registration/html>.

November 16-21 - 60th Annual Session of National Congress of American Indians at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM.

November 18-20 - National American Indian Housing Council Training: "Introduction to Indian Housing Management," at the Emerald Springs Holiday Inn, Las Vegas, NV. Visit the NAIHC website or call 800-284-9165.

November 27 - Thanksgiving

Happy Holidays!

The Office of Native American Programs Honors One of Its Own

Mohammed Rahmah, Director, Grants Evaluation, for the Eastern Woodlands Office, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2003.

"Mul" was an original member of the Eastern Woodlands staff, joining the Office in 1980. His contributions over this 23-year period were immeasurable. As

Development Director for a number of years, Mul facilitated the construction of hundreds of housing units. He also served the Office in a number of other supervisory positions, including the Director of Finance and Budget.

Mul always conducted himself in a highly professional manner and was greatly respected by the tribal leaders of the Eastern Woodlands region. His enthusiasm for and dedication to the mission of Indian Programs

were an inspiration to us all. Mul's warm smile and good-natured personality will truly be missed.





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